[Translation]

LPG Agency in Etah District of Uttar Pradesh

2322. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts in Uttar Pradesh where there is more than one LPG agency;

(b) the criteria for appointing more than one LPG agency in a district;

(c) whether according to the prescribed criteria, one more cooking gas agency could be allotted in Etah district of Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the reasons for delay in the appointment of another LPG agency?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) 53 including Etah.

(b) to (d). New LPG distributorships are opened in different places as per Marketing Plans, availability of product, etc.

Sale and purchase of equipments in Coal Sector

2323. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred by the Government on new equipment in coal sector, area-wise, during the last three years;

(b) the amount received from the disposal of old equipments area-wise;

(c) whether any irregularities have been detected in their sale and purchase; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government against the persons found guilty?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) The expenditure incurred by the subsidiaries of Coal India Ltd. on procurement of new equipments, company-wise, during the last three years is as follows:-

(Rs. in crores)

Company	*1988-89*	*1989-90*	*1990-91*
ECL	65.86	99.93	122.94
BCCL	30.60	34.24	23.65
CCL	34.55	91.82	90.23
NCL	255.31	245.12	189.96
WCL	81.09	95.66	80.33
SECL	108.35	97.21	120.22

(b) Information is being collected.

(c) As per the records available with Vigilance Deptt. at CIL, ECL, WCL, SECL, NCL, there is no case of irregularity committed in the purchase of new equipments during the last three years and sale thereof. Information in respect of BCCL and CCL is being collected.

(d) Does not arise in view of answer at (c) above.

Assistance to Agricultural Universities

2324. SHRI SRIKANTA JENA:
SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI KASHIRAM RANA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Agriculture Universities in the country, State-wise and

(b) the quantum of assistance sought and the amount released to each of these Universities during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Sir, there are 26 Agricultural Universities as per the break up given in Annexure 'A'.

(b) The requisite information is given in the attached Statement-I.

STATEMENT-I

State-Wise Agricultural Universities

S.No.	*Name of the State*	*Number of the University*
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1
2.	Assam	1
3.	Bihar	2
4.	Gujarat	1
5.	Haryana	1
6.	Himachal Pradesh	2
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	1
8.	Karnataka	2
9.	Kerala	1
10.	Madhya Pradesh	2
11.	Maharastra	4